



Best Practices for State Stewardship of Historic & Cultural Properties

Sponsored by the Governor's Advisory Council on
Historic and Cultural Properties.

Guest Speaker: **Dr. Carroll Van West**

February 24, 2006
Montana Capitol, Room 172
8:30-4:00

In August, 2005 Governor Brian Schweitzer established a Council on Historic and Cultural Properties, chaired by Lt. Governor John Bohlinger. The topic for the council's second meeting -- Best Practices for State Stewardship -- will feature nationally-known speaker Dr. Carroll Van West. Dr. West is the director of the Center for Preservation Studies at Middle Tennessee State University, director of the Tennessee Civil War Battlefields Heritage Area, and an active leader in the National Alliance of Heritage Areas. Of interest to Montanans, he wrote the state's first historic preservation plan in 1985, and is the author of *Capitalism on the Frontier: Billings and the Yellowstone Valley in the Nineteenth Century*, and *A Traveler's Guide to Montana*.

The meeting is free and open to the public. Representatives of State Agencies, and Montanans with an interest in preserving state-owned buildings, in historic preservation, heritage tourism, local development, community revitalization, adaptive reuse, and preservation incentives are encouraged to attend.